

Washington, D.C.

November 13th, 1866

General Davis Tillson.

Dear General.

I hear from Macon, Ga. that cases of starvation of freedmen have actually recurred. Take whatever measures might be necessary to prevent this. Where are the loyal friend of the freedmen in Georgia to permit this?

Yours truly

(sgd) O.O.Howard,

Major Genl. Commr.

Washington, D.C.

Dec. 4th, 1866.

Rev. George Whipple,

My dear Sir.

Your letter of the 1st inst. is just received. I have already had some correspondence with the Rev. E. W. of Cincinnati, on the suggestion contained in your letter, of a series of addresses in behalf of the freedmen. I informed him that I could not at this time make arrangements for a tour solely for that purpose, as I have already engaged, provided I can leave Washington, to use the most of February, which is all the time I can expect to have for such purposes, in delivering lectures at various points. In doing this however, I shall embrace the opportunity to address the people in behalf of the freedmen. The engagements conditionally formed, comprise among other places - Portsmouth, N.H., Feb. 7th - Worcester, Mass., Feb. 8th - Lowell, Mass., Jan. 31st - Troy, N.Y., Feb. 9th, Rochester, Feb. 12th - Cleveland, Feb. 15th - Chicago, Ills., Feb. 20th.

On my returning from the West, I have proposed stopping at Cincinnati, and speaking in behalf of the work for the freedpeople, as carried on by the Union of Benevolent Associations, which Mr. Cravath represents. Further than this, I shall be very happy to unite with the eminent gentlemen you have named, in one or more meetings, to give increased impetus to the noble work of the American Missionary Association, if I can procure the necessary time.

Very truly yours,

(sd) O.O.Howard,

Major Genl. Commissioner.

Washington, D.C.

Jan 21st, 1867

Rev. Geo. Whipple,

My dear Sir.

The matter you present in letter of December 22^d as to confirmation, I carried to the Secretary of War. He is of the opinion that such confirmations are not needed, and surely I would not be proposed by the President.

(sd) O.O.Howard

Major General.